

# Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash-Smyrna

**Smyrna**– The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash that occurred last evening.

The incident occurred on June 6, 2019 at approximately 7:10 p.m., when a Dodge Ram 2500 was traveling westbound on Wheatley's Pond Road (SR 300) towards the intersection of Mt. Friendship Road. A Nissan Altima was stopped/slowing to a stop, facing westbound on Wheatley's Pond Road preparing to make a left turn onto Mt. Friendship Road. The operator of the Dodge Ram failed to properly perceive the Altima preparing to make the left turn and collided with same.

The operator of the Dodge Ram, a 24-year-old male from Marydel, MD was properly restrained. He was transported to the Bayhealth Kent General Hospital where he was treated and released.

The operator of the Altima, a 19-year-old male from Clayton, DE was properly restrained. He and his front seat passenger, an 18-year-old male from Smyrna, who was also properly restrained, were transported to the Bayhealth Kent General Hospital where they were treated and released.

There were three rear seat passengers in the Altima who were properly restrained. The left rear seat passenger, a 17-year-old male from Smyrna, sustained serious injuries and was transported to the Bayhealth Kent General Hospital and later transported to the Christiana Hospital. The middle rear seat passenger, a 15-year-old male from Smyrna, sustained serious injuries and was transported to the Christiana Hospital.

The right rear seat passenger, a 16-year-old male from Clayton, DE sustained serious injuries and was transported to

the Bayhealth Kent General Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. His name is being withheld pending the notification of next of kin.

Wheatley's Pond Road at Mt. Friendship Road was closed for approximately 6 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

The crash continues to remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at [debra.reed@delaware.gov](mailto:debra.reed@delaware.gov).

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